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## New Literature

### OLD TESTAMENT

#### BOOKS

BLISS, FREDERICK JONES. The Development of Palestine Exploration. (The Ely Lectures for 1903.) New York: Scribner, 1906. Pp. xviii + 337. \$1.50 net.

These lectures were delivered before Union Theological Seminary, New York City. They present a succinct and clear survey of the exploration of the Holy Land from the invasion of the country by the children of Israel in Joshua's day down to this age. Some parts of the book are particularly acceptable because so slightly known, especially such chapters as that of the work done in that line before the large service rendered by Edward Robinson. Of later work Bliss is especially at home, for he himself took part in it.

BREASTED, JAMES HENRY. Ancient Records of Egypt: Historical Documents from the Earliest Times to the Persian Conquest, collected, edited, and translated with Commentary. Vol. II, The Eighteenth Dynasty. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1906. Pp. xxviii + 428. \$3.

This is the second of five volumes to make the literature of ancient Egypt accessible in new scientific translations to the student of the life and history of the ancient world. The series is admirably planned and executed, and promises to be of immense value to all workers in these lines.

STRACHAN, JAMES. Hebrew Ideals. From the Story of the Patriarchs. Part II, Gen. 25-50. New York: Scribner, 1905. Pp. 170. \$0.60 net.

A series of brief exhortations based on some element of character in the lives of the patriarchs: or a short sermon with a keen edge.

MACLAREN, ALEXANDER. The Book of Genesis. New York: Armstrong, 1906. Pp. 339.

An exposition in popular vein of the book of beginnings, bristling with the sharp points of Manchester's master of Scripture interpretation.

ORR, JAMES. The Problem of the Old Testament, Considered with Reference

to Recent Criticism. New York: Scribner, 1906. Pp. lii + 562. \$1.50.

A comprehensive survey of the chief problems of the Old Testament from the conservative point of view, but considered with fairness and candor.

#### ARTICLES

NOURSE, E. E. The Book of Genesis and the Religious Development of Israel. *Hartford Seminary Record*, February, 1906, pp. 91-112.

The stories of Genesis, all separate at first, are woven together and retain for us echoes of a premosaic religion. They also exhibit, after a careful study, the specific growth that was made in Israel's conception of God and his relations to men.

WHITE, G. E. Present-Day Sacrifice in Asia Minor. *Ibid.*, pp. 113-21.

The author makes a striking contribution to the valuable collection of material contained in *Primitive Semitic Religion Today*, the work of the late Professor Samuel Ives Curtiss.

HARFORD, G. The Higher Criticism as it Affects Faith and Spiritual Life. *Expositor*, March, 1906, pp. 246-57.

A colloquy between a young theologian of Oxford and his father, in which the son shows how the modern view of the Bible saves it from the unreasonable positions of the traditionalist and makes it a credible book.

DEISSMANN, ADOLF. The New Biblical Papyri at Heidelberg. *Expository Times*, March, 1906, pp. 248-54.

A description of the papyri recently acquired by the library of the University of Heidelberg, most notable of which are fragments of a codex of the Septuagint brought from Egypt, and dating from the seventh century, and most probably a representative of the Hesychian text.

DRIVER, S. R. On Dillmann's Critical Position. *Ibid.*, pp. 282-85.

Driver is enlightening the dean of Canterbury, and all who like him have cherished a wrong conception of the Berlin master's position, on the critical questions of the Pentateuch.

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## BOOKS

JOWETT, J. H. The Epistles of St. Peter. (*Practical Commentary on the New Testament*, edited by W. Robertson Nicoll.) New York: Armstrong, 1906. Pp. vii+345. \$1.25 net.

The commentator seeks only the religious suggestion of each passage, neglecting all matters of criticism.

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HÄCKER, J. Die Jungfrauen-Geburt und das Neue Testament. *Zeitschrift für wissenschaftliche Theologie*, XIV, 1, 1906, pp. 18-61.

After a critical examination of all the New Testament teaching as to the birth and parentage of Jesus, the writer finds the evidence for the historicity of the Virgin-birth insufficient.

KLEIN, G. Die ursprüngliche Gestalt des Vaterunsers. *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft*, VII, 1, 1906, pp. 34-50

A comparison with Old Testament and Jewish prayers and with Jesus' teachings leads to the conclusion that Matthew's form of the Lord's Prayer is the original one.

MOFFATT, JAMES. A Daughter of Jacob. *Expositor*, March, 1906, pp. 226-35.

A study of Jesus' words to the woman of Samaria.

SCHÜRER, EMIL. Die *θύρα* oder *πύλη* *ᾠπάλα*, Acts 3:2,10. *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft*, XVII, 1, 1906, pp. 51-68.

Evidence from Josephus and the Mishna shows that the Beautiful Gate was the brazen gate, called Nicanor's gate, which opened eastward from the Court of the Women.

RAMSAY, W. M. Tarsus. *Expositor*, March, 1906, pp. 258-77.

The first of a series of historical and archaeological papers, such as show Professor Ramsay at his best, upon the city of Paul.

LAKE, KIRSOPP. Galatians 2:3-5. *Ibid.*, pp. 236-45.

A textual and exegetical study.

## RELATED SUBJECTS

## BOOKS

CONYBEARE, F. C., AND STOCK, ST. G. Selections from the Septuagint. (*College Series of Greek Authors*.) New York: Ginn & Co., 1905. Pp. vi+313. \$1.65.

Brief introductions and copious notes fit these easy historical selections from the Septuagint for

use by college students. The book should be useful in extending the knowledge of the Old Testament in Greek.

BEVERIDGE, JOHN. The Covenanters. (*Bible Class Primers*.) Edinburgh: Clark. Pp. 136. \$0.20 net.

A stirring sketch of the heroic days of the Covenant.